

## New York Stamp Auction Firms Protest Tax Imposed On Out Of Town Buyer

### Let's Have A Show Of Some Old Fashioned Honesty And Fairness

We are rather surprised to note in both the philatelic and the daily press there is a mild controversy as to whom should get the credit for the "Constitution" stamp to be issued on October 21. We note that some want to give the credit to the Representatives and Senators who finally carried the matter through to a conclusion. We can't believe that these Congressmen are actually trying to grab the spotlight by claiming an originality for the Constitution stamp. From as far back as we can remember there is only one person who has consistently fought, planned and was active in the promotion of a stamp to commemorate the launching of this famous vessel. This is Harold P. Faust of Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Faust for the past few years has been presenting his case to the philatelic press, collectors and the various societies and the government higher-ups in order to get the proper action for the stamp's issuance.

The Post Office Department was quite cold to the idea, and had no intention of ever issuing such a stamp. They probably had other suggestions for stamps of more importance (we doubt this), and they might have had the Bureau of Engraving and Printing booked to capacity for future and present issues. They had their reasons and we respect them.

Representative Cole of New York introduced his Resolution to the Congress as a result of collector suggestion inspired by Faust. Representative Church of Illinois was inspired in his Resolution to the House by Bruce Grant of Evanston, Ill., who this Fall will have his new book released from the publishers, "Captain Of Old Ironsides." Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, seeing the publicity value and the popularity of such a stamp called upon by collectors to present the case for a Constitution stamp to President Truman. The President immediately liked the idea and advised Postmaster General Hannegan of his approval. All this took place after Faust had spent two years in getting collectors, the press and the government officials moved to action.

As far as we are concerned the man responsible for the stamp in honor of the launching of the U. S. Frigate Constitution is Harold P. Faust. There is no evidence to the contrary on record. Credit must be given to the more than 10,000 collectors who besieged their congressmen with requests for such stamp, and credit must be given

### Ecuadorean Collectors Reject Stamp Issue



In the last week of August a part of the Ecuadorean army fought against the troops of the Dictator Colonel Mancheno in order to restore the constitution and to install the vice-president of the country, Dr. Suarez Veintimilla as provisional president. In the days of the revolution Dr. Veintimilla ordered an overprint on the rest of the airmails "U. S. and Ecuadorean flags" of the year 1938 Scott No. C36-8 consisting of a plane and the words: "PRIMERO LA PATRIA" (First our Country). He used these overprinted stamps on patriotic proclamations dispatched to his friends in Ecuador and abroad. The greater part of the 1350 overprinted sets was immediately used. The revolution succeeded, Colonel Mancheno resigned and Dr. Mariana Suarez Veintimilla took over according to the constitution as provisional President of Ecuador and entered Quito. He issued the necessary decrees for the overprint of these 1350 air sets.

It was at this point then that the Asociacion Filatelica Ecuatoriana began to study the legality of the issue. In spite of the decree made by the new president authorizing the stamps after taking office, no such legality existed at the time the stamps were issued and used by a limited few persons.

Therefore the board of the management of the ASOCIACION FILATELICA ECUATORIANA came to the conclusion not to recognize these stamps because the overprint was not made in the printing office of the Government and the stamps were not released for sale to the public and were used from private people without these stamps having the normal path from the Ministry to the postoffices.

Dr. Juan Lestrel of Quito, Ecuador supplied the above cover and the information about the stamps.

### American Stamp Dealers Association Has Retained Counsel To Carry The Issue To The State Supreme Court

What may be the first attempt to start putting taxes on the shoulder of stamp collectors to carry the burdens of municipalities and states, is the ruling made by the City of New York in regards to charging mail bidders of auctions held in that city the 2% sales tax now charged to residents. Stamp collectors are the present object of much attention in the way of furnishing dollars to run many governments. This can hardly be denied, since the United States and Foreign Nations are doing a lot of things to attract the hobby dollar.

It is about time that the stamp collectors of the nation begin to cast a wary eye in the direction of their political leaders, who with the present bureaus to maintain in order to keep patronage, are casting about in all directions for sources of revenue to finance these pork barrels. Collectors can be certain that stamps, even in their albums have come in for some scrutiny in this respect. They can also expect some attempts to milk revenue from these albums. These taxes on stamps have been made abroad over the protests of collectors in some countries, and it can happen here.

Father Knickerbocker, who does not yet know that the depression has ended, and who has been collecting sales tax money for the relief of the unemployed since 1934, is about to extend the privilege of payment to those residing beyond his own borders. This became apparent when the City's legal minds took a New York City stamp auctioneer to book for not having collected the tax on his out of town sales. Encouraged with a decision in their favor, the City's legal department is now after all stamp auctioneers, and a lawsuit is in the making which will not be settled until recourse has been had to the New York Court of Appeals, the highest Court in the State.

New York dealers are of course unanimous in their opinion of the edict ordering them to collect the 2% Sales Tax on stamps sold at auction to mail bidders who live outside the city. However, there is little that they can do about it, as the order to collect the tax is binding upon them, until overruled by the courts. Auction bidders henceforth will find this 2% added to their bills, wherever they may live.

Since the tax was instituted in 1934, there have been two classes of exemptions: regularly established dealers who buy for resale, and to whom the city awards a certificate certifying to their exemption, and buyers either collectors or dealers, who reside outside the City, and on whom until now the City never placed any responsibility for payment of the tax.

It is still possible in New York for an out of town buyer to write to a department store to order something, and to have it delivered to him free of tax. It is even possible for him to visit the store, purchase the item, and even pay for it on the spot, and be exempt from the tax, just so the item is delivered to a point outside the city limits. For some reason the City does not put the stamp buyer in this class, alleging that in

an auction the stamp is actually sold in New York City, and refusing to admit a parallel to any other transaction.

The auction dealers of New York, principally those of the American Stamp Dealers Association, have united to fight what they regard as an unfair ruling, and have hired counsel not only to take it to the highest court as regards the initial auction dealer who has been adjudged liable, but to protect any others who may find themselves in equal difficulties.

Out of town auction purchasers paying the tax will not find themselves out of the pocket in the event the A. S. D. A. wins its case. Members have been instructed to acknowledge receipts of all such tax money, and to keep it in a separate trust account pending outcome of the case.

Pa Knick's lust for stamp collectors' money may have been a surprise to the stamp dealers, but most observers have noticed the City's attempts to tax everything in sight for some time to come, and in the event they do win the present battle, it probably will only be a matter of time until the City goes after another segment of the stamp business, in order that its coffers may be swelled with some of the huge sums that the uninformed customarily think of when stamps are mentioned.

This is not the first brush with the City that New York auction dealers have had. Until about 1942, New York auction dealers conducted their auctions by using a Licensed Auctioneer to "cry" the sale. Then the City authorities decided that they would get more money by requiring each and every auction dealer in the city to take out a license, whether or not he used a Licensed Auctioneer to conduct the sale itself. This of course would bring many thousands of dollars into the tills that they would not otherwise get.

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#### NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

October 21—Launching of the U. S. Frigate Constitution commemorative 3c from the "Constitution" in Boston Harbor.

First day covers bearing the above stamps can be had by requesting them from the postmasters of the city designated for first day of issue, and by adhering to the usual regulations governing such requests.

to the congressmen who saw the project through. It again shows what cooperation and concerted effort can do. But the original thought and effort on the stamp must be Faust's.

We believe that it would most definitely be appropriate for Mr. Faust to be at the First Day ceremonies and be the recipient of the first sheet of stamps from Postmaster General Hannegan, or his representative. Harold P. Faust certainly deserves to be the "big shot" on this day, and we hope that the Post Office Department has big enough people in it to recognize this fact. Let's give this ordinary citizen a day in the limelight which he has so justly deserves.

#### FLASH

The Post Office Department has announced that the color of the stamp to be issued in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the launching of the "U. S. Frigate Constitution" will be green. The first day of issue will be on October 21 from the decks of the Constitution at Boston, Mass.

#### Australian Cover Has A Cancellation From Newcastle Exhibition

We have received a cover bearing the new issue of stamps made by Australia on the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Newcastle. The first day of issue was on September 8, but the present cover bears a special cancellation of the Post Office in compliment to the Philatelic Exhibition at Newcastle in collaboration with the celebration in that city. It is hexagonal in shape and is worded, "Newcastle's 150th Anniversary, Philatelic Exhibition, September 12, '47 N. S. W." The cover was received from Joseph Goldberger of St. Kilda, Melbourne, Australia.

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Comptroller Turns  
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Word comes from Mr. Max Ohlman of the Ohlman Galleries, New York Stamp Auction house that a ruling has been made by the New York City Comptroller, wherein he requires that stamp auction houses are obliged to collect from buyers who reside outside of city, the 2% sales tax imposed by the city of New York.

Here in the State of Ohio we have a 3% sales tax by the State. This tax is payable by citizens of the state for purchases within the State. In event a resident of another state should be visiting in Ohio and desires to purchase something from a store while there, he is permitted to make a declaration that he is a non resident and does not have to pay this tax. Likewise if citizens from other states order from firms in Ohio by mail, no tax is collected on such sales.

If this sales tax is charged against auction buyers from outside New York City, it should be believed that any purchases of any kind made by mail, from New York Department stores or other New York City firms would likewise be taxable.

If this is the kind of a deal the City Comptroller is putting up, residents outside of New York City will be justified in refusing to pay such tax and take their business elsewhere. The Comptroller of New York City should appreciate the business outsiders do in New York without penalizing them for doing it and if business firms in New York City let such a ruling stand without taking the case to court, they will lose a lot of business if for no other reason than that such a tax is unjust.

Mr. Ohlman states that the tax does not apply to recognized dealers who are buying for resale, provided they make an affidavit to that effect.

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COSTA RICA. The five-cent green Isla Del Cocco (Scott's type A96) which was overprinted "Official" in black to make Scott's #0-80, has been overprinted again in red "Correos 1947."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. In honor of the late President Masaryk, a two-value set has been issued to mark the 10th anniversary of his death. The stamps are to be a 1.20k dark gray, and a 4k blue showing a sketch of Masaryk.

LEBANON. The new set of 1947 air mail pictorials has had a new 100 pi. violet brown added to it, making a total of 10 values in the complete set.

NETHERLANDS. A new set for use by the Court of International Justice is expected in October. The only information available so far is that they will consist of a gold overprint on one of the current issues.



SALVADOR. Two new air mails has been received: 12 centavo brown showing Felite Soto, and 14 centavo blue showing Alfredo Espino.

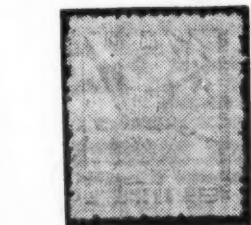
SALVADOR. Expected shortly is a new set to commemorate the death of General Aree. These are to be large size stamps as follows: 8 centavos postage and 12 centavos, 14 centavos and 1 colon air mails.

SALVADOR. The latest information in regards the Roosevelt series is as follows: they are to be issued on April 12th, 1948. There are to be 100,000 sets of postage in the following denominations: 5, 8, 12, 15, 20 and 50 centavos.

There are to be 30,000 sets of air mails in the following denominations: 12, 14, 20, and 25 centavos and 1 and 2 color. Miniature sheets 20,000 air sheets with a face value of 4 colons and 30,000 postage sheets with a face value of 1 colon, making a total of 9.80 colons face value, or just under \$4.00 in U. S. funds.

JAPAN. A stamp with a value of 4.00 En has been issued on September 1 to pay the increased special delivery rates. Color of the stamp is blue.

—Earl Crouse.



POLAND. Two air mail provisionals to complement the present air mail set, Scott's C13-18 have been issued. These are a 40 Zl. red surcharge on a green stamp (Scott basic stamp #343), and a 50 Zl. black surcharge on a deep red stamp (basic stamp #344). Penny Black Stamp Co.

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The Post Office Department has shipped to San Francisco for the show the special frames prepared for CipeX. There will be an outstanding auction on Saturday, October 11—a banquet on Sunday, October 12. Twenty of the leading West Coast dealers have reserved bourse space and the allotment of 650 frames is nearly all reserved at this time, by collectors from all over the United States and from Canada. Hotel reservations have already been made for visitors from Chicago, New York, St. Louis and Los Angeles. Many societies will hold regional meetings at CALPEX, including the SPA, The Australian Specialists, China Stamp Societies.

Collectors wanting to make inquiries about the show can direct their requests to General Chairman J. M. Clary, 135 Polk St., San Francisco 2, Calif.

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## Stamp Weather Is Here

We do not intend however to talk about the weather. With us the weather is something that we never argue about. We took it as it came because we fully realized that there was nothing that we could do about it. This fact does



not prevent us or anyone else from disliking some weather and liking other kinds of weather. For our part you who like the summer time can have all of the horrible hot weather that we have suffered in for the past two months, but for us give us weather such as we are enjoying as we write this editorial. Just a mere touch of chill in the air, yet with the sun warm enough to make it feel good, good like an open fire

place in the cold winter evenings. Just around the corner now, is the most beautiful time of the year, Indian Summer. Would that we could have weather such as this season for several months of the year.

Cool weather is stamp weather and cool weather is here again. For some weeks past the dealers have been complaining of poor business. Part of this was the natural result of the unholy hot weather we have been having and part from other causes. Last winter stamp prices got out of hand. Some bright boys by devious ways made some stamps jump up and down like stocks on the exchange when the bulls and the bears were at it hammer and tongs. Such business is bad business for the stamp trade. Also such things as the hijacking of collectors with issues such as the Hungarian, San Marino, Guatemala and other Roosevelt issues is bad business for the stamp trade. A lot of collectors look upon all stamps in the same light and become discouraged. Few stop to think that they do not have to collect such items but can safely find many clean countries to collect. Frequently some of these boys quit the hobby in disgust and that is bad for the hobby.

We have stamp weather here now. Already we have spent many pleasant evenings with some of our albums, getting things in shape that we have been piling up through these hot months. We anticipate many pleasant evenings this coming winter and it is becoming more and more apparent to us in our advancing years, that stamp collecting is just about the most ideal hobby for old age. It requires little or no exertion, can be enjoyed in an easy chair by ones desk, picked up or laid down in a moment and will give one some assurance of some return on the money spent.

How pleasant it is to have a nice room with a desk and cabinets for your albums. Work a bit on your albums, stop for 15 minutes or a half hour when some one of your favorite radio programs comes on the air, stop again at any time, prop your feet up on the corner of the desk and take a pull at your pipe or a cigarette or cigar. Life is surely pleasant when one has a set up such as this that can make a long evening all too short for all you want to do. If more people could have the pleasure that comes from interest in a hobby such as stamp collecting more of them would be more happy.

Yes, stamp weather is here again. Business is already showing signs of improvement and reports from dealers are more cheerful. Well, you boys can do a lot to keep things better by just doing your job of selling in a bit more friendly and less avaricious manner. Give the "buyer" a break. Do not look upon him as Barnum did.

## A Word From Mr. Harmer

Elsewhere in this issue is an announcement by Mr. Gordon Harmer of Scott Publications with reference to the cataloguing of some of the Roosevelt issues. We particularly tore the Hungarian set to pieces when we first blasted it in our columns. Many thought we had gone too far, but the remarks about this set by Mr. Harmer seems to indicate that what we said all along the line was just about what the set deserved. We now are anxious to hear from those parties who assured us that we were far too rough with this issue. We wonder if they will dispute the findings of Mr. Harmer.

## VOX-POP

Mr. George W. Linn  
LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS  
Sidney, Ohio  
Friend Linn:

Upon returning from Washington last night I found your issue of September 1 on my desk, and in it the letter of Mr. Henry M. Friedman....

It is amazing to perceive that you would be a party, George, to such a suggestion that the P. O. Department spend funds toward keeping alive the hobby-business which has netted said Department so much gravy during the past fifteen years or so! And that you would intimate, even indirectly, that funds should be spent which would profit the Department only indirectly, borders on treason! Careful, sir, or you'll be having to explain why your second-class mailing privilege should not be revoked, one of these fine days.

All kidding aside, the idea has merit. But I feel that it is something of a "looking 'way ahead" proposition....For myself, I'd settle for doubling the force right now at the selling and (especially) cancelling windows on first day events, plus a few more hands at the Philatelic Agency, plus presenting some of the current hired help with silk-velvet bound copies of EMILY POST.

I was at CIPEX for first day of the pane; they told me it had been really rugged 48 hours, earlier when the 3c job came out. Okeh; I think everybody was surprised by the volume of everything that Saturday, BUT they should have been ready in proper order by Monday and Wednesday. They were—with long lines and short treatment. "No handstamps," was the rule, and many a cover with more than one stamp got through without having the other (s) tied on, or even struck at all. Yes, they were rushed, but who in thunder was running that part of the show, and WHO cleaned up the huge profit on those three FD events?

Yesterday I was in Washington for FD of the new 10c air. It was the old story in the morning at GPO—"No handstamps," and push 'em through and chew 'em up. But in the midst of all the rough stuff, here came some bigwig with a palsy-walsy in tow, and introduced him to the staff and instructed them to give MISTER Glenn L. Martin just what HE desired. They practically gave him the key and title to the joint, along with handstamp cancellations. Mrs. Dot Lane, prominent Washington cover dealer, was in line and voiced the general displeasure at the favoritism....and walked away with machine cancellations as did all the others excepting MISTER MARTIN.

In all fairness I must say that while my own experience in New York on May 21 left about 99 44/100%, to be desired, I found the two men on duty at the Raleigh Hotel yesterday to be aces, as also were the two Negro clerks on duty at GPO around 5:45 P. M. when I ducked in there with some fancy covers. (The third man then on duty there I did not meet.) Further, in general, it is impossible for a few men to handle properly a job which would well require twice their number, so my plaint is less against the average run of men on the windows than it is against the ivory higher up (although now and then we seem to encounter across the sill some bat-brained bureaucrat who might well profit by having his ears reset with a belying pin).

A point: \$16,280.20 worth of 10c air letter sheets were cancelled on first day. Just how many were handed back, and just how many received only 5c worth of service (U. S.) is not known. Even so, a profit was made on the rest, even those actually flown to the 25c zone. Of the 25c air stamp, 201,762 covers were put through at 'Frisco. At ONE stamp per cover, this would be \$50,440.50. Once

more, how many got 5c, 10c or 15c service—or none at all (handed back)—is not known. And how many had more than a single stamp per cover is another rabbit in the hat.

A specific example: Yesterday I (and agents for me) put through a total of 83 covers, of which only 19 were passed through the mails. Normally these 19 would have carried \$3 postage, but they actually were decked out in "long skirts" with \$7.10 of 10-15-25 combinations. The other 64, handed back, carried \$15.45 franking. My average of 170-odd per cent overpayment per cover right down the line may be above average for the day, or may not—I saw enough blocks, plate blocks and combinations being cancel to give a sharp list to an LST.

....In the rounds I picked up a new Philatelic Agency list—August 21. "Under present conditions," it states, "shipment of orders may not be made within less than 60 days after receipt in this Office." (If George Linn or Bob Jones planned to take 60 days to fill mail orders, he'd never make it—there'd be a Post Office inspector on the step some bright morning, warrant in one paw and padlock in the other, and there WE'd go.)

"We are handicapped," the Agency tells us. (They seem to have a recording, plus a mimeo stencil, of this one.) "It takes time to train clerks to serve the dear peepul who patronize the Agency."

Granted. So they took us for \$2,489,000 over the Agency counter in 1945. How much of that never saw, never will see, the "innards" of the Postal System is anybody's guess—mine is that very little will ever take out its face value in Postal service. Nice knock-down, eh, wot? The war has been over for two years, and for just 10% of that 1945 "take" they could have paid three \$4,000-a-year clerks for the entire period. Surely, by now, they would have learned enough to be earning their hire and room. Of course, in the long run, if we want U. S. stamps, we buy them from some branch of the P. O. Department, or we don't buy them. If we want them, the ivory domes seem to figure, we'll wait six weeks, sixty days, six months!

Those responsible for the poor service generally do not have to meet the public, nor yet wade into the mountain of orders at the Agency. And probably those who do face this huge task—at possibly as much as \$3 \$3,200 per year—have long since concluded, "What's the use!" Betimes, methinks, maybe they've got something there! Still, it would be nice if the big shots would read about that goose and the golden egg, or listen in on the waning movie star telling the starlet, "Yes, dearie, them otty-graft hunters are a awful noo-ance, special when they don't want your ottygraft no more!"

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The lowest value of the set is a 2.50 plus 1 Mk. in blue green. Then there is a 6 plus 1.50 Mk. orange brown, a 10 plus 2.50 Mk. dark brown, a 12 plus 3 Mk. dark blue and a 20 plus 5 Mk. violet.

First day of issue of the stamps was September 15. The surtax from the sale of these semi-postals will be used by the Finnish Tuberculosis Society, an organization whose aims and work are similar to the TB Society in this country. The first day cancel on the cover was from Helsinki, Finland and is of a special type made for the first day of issue. The cover was sent by Bertel Larnes of Helsingfors (Helsinki), Finland.

## Columnist Discovers Realities Of Brazil Post Office Operation

One of the most widely read and most enjoyed of American reporters is Henry McLeMure, who writes for the McNaught Syndicate, Inc. At the time of writing the article given below, Mr. McLeMure was on an assignment for the McNaught Syndicate in South America. While there he became intrigued with the operations behind the scenes in the post office there. His observations were given in an article under the title of "Postage Due" and should be a delight to all stamp collectors.

Rio De Janeiro.—This is a letter intended chiefly for the editors of the papers who are gracious enough to buy and run my column. They must have wondered by now why my columns from South America have been reaching them a bit late. I want them to know that it wasn't my fault. I have written every day since I left Miami, and should be well ahead. That I am not—I know this because of cables from my office—is due to the rather exotic postal setup in Brazil.

I was told before I left the United States that to mail a letter in Brazil was much riskier than playing a slot machine, shooting dice with strangers, or trying to learn to roller skate after you are 40. It seems that postal clerks in Brazil are rather underpaid, and they don't like this. So, to pad out their incomes the clerks run a black market in stamps. A rosy glow comes to

their cheeks and their eyes light up when they see a fat letter going to the States, handsomely decorated with air mail stamps.

Without even so much as a look around them to see if any one is watching (or so I have been told by Americans and Brazilians) the clerks remove the stamps before they have been cancelled and, with a pitching arm worthy of Bob Feller, throw the letter away. Ten or fifteen letters yield them as much as they are paid per day.

I have heard it said that some of the post offices are equipped with steam rooms and steam cabinets, much like those of a high-class Turkish bath, to facilitate the removal of stamps. A letter with two air mail stamps on it comes in, the clerk scurries with it to the steam room, removes the stamps, and drops the letter in the nearest waste-paper basket.

I was talking to an American in Belem—he has been in Brazil since the start of the late war handling rubber for the United States Government—and he doubled up with laughter when I told him I was mailing my copy.

"You might as well raise your hotel window," he said, "and yell what you have to say back to the States. Listen. Last year I bought and sent out 400 Christmas cards. And that's a lot of cards and a lot of work. Not one single Christmas card got back to the States. Those clerks must have had a field day with that batch of stamps."

To test what I had heard about the clerks and their love for stamps, when I was in Belem I addressed a letter to myself, care of American Express, Rio de Janeiro. This is what I said in the letter: "Dear Henry; You'll never get this."

That letter should have been delivered days ago, but it hasn't arrived yet.

This sort of thing is hard for an American to understand, because if there is one thing that is solid, sure and trustworthy it is the United States mail. You can leave a letter on top of a mail box on a crowded city street and the chances are 1,000,000 to 1 that no one will touch it but the postman when he comes to make the collection.

I have asked Brazilians why

they don't complain. Their answer is that they do—violently—but that nothing ever comes of it. They have advised me that the one sure way of guaranteeing that a letter will reach its destination is to take it to the post office and register. When you register a letter, the stamp or stamps are cancelled then and there.

So starting today, I am going to register my stuff.

That, I hope, will guarantee that the editors and you dear readers will not miss one word of the immortal literature. Incidentally, if any of you run across my Mama, please tell her that the postal situation is why she hasn't heard from me. I have written to her every day, too.



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One of the best price lists for the type of material that we have ever come across is that of Roy Hammond of Box 430, Altoona, Pa. This list tops many others that we have seen. Things mostly noted are the listings of plate numbers of old and current U. S. stamps. The price list is usually issued monthly, and covers the works. All plate numbers are valued as to position and their numbers given in relation to Scott's catalog. Each issue carries all new plate numbers put to press since previous issue and such numbers are priced as to position and number. This is a must for the plate collector trying to fill in position. The price is 25c and well worth it. Orders from the price list assure you of getting the next one free.

R. S. & M. G. Lukenbill of 514 Kinzer St., Poplar Bluff, Mo., have just sent in their form letter for inspection. It is a mimeographed form and prices all of the Roosevelts and other commemoratives of the New Issue variety. They say something in their letter that not many dealers think of that is, the remark, "Feel free to call on us with your problems and wants." This phrase is often left out of ads and is a big calling point. Readers interested in getting good service, should give this fairly recent newcomer a trial and see what kind of service they can get. It might be just what you are looking for, in the new season.

Lawrence W. Miles, of P. O. Box 178, Garden City, L. I. N. Y. has a saying of "Miles in front". Might be appropriate after one has looked over his price list on used blocks. Nothing else but used blocks. The listing is from the 1c Columbians to date. Price list may be had for 10c and that is deductible on the first order of \$2.00 or more. Persons saving used blocks in any of three conditions, will find this a healthy spot to look into.

C. L. Dodge of 151 Randolph St., So. Weymouth 90, Mass. has just issued a new price list of Germany mint, Poland General Government and accessories. He also has an Illustrated Price list that we have seen before but that does not detract from the new variety. The lists and price list will be sent to all those requesting same.

And last but not least, for the dealers, we have on hand the latest wholesale listings of Joseph J. Goldberg, of 10943 Barman Ave., Culver City, Calif. This new listing is the Illustrated price list that Mr. Goldberg has been issuing to dealers for some time. The price list is backed up with a good stock and dealers

## COMING AUCTIONS

October 8, 7—H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. I., England. A Fine General Collection.

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October 13, 14, 15—H. R. Harmer, 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. U. S. from the Bauer Collection.

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October 15, 16—Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 19. United States, Confederates.

October 17—Stampmart, 109 N. Dearborn St., Chicago. Chicago Philatelic Society Exhibition Auction.

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October 20, 21—Vahan Moizian, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17. U. S. and European classics.

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October 21—Franklin Stamp Co., 111 Leverich St., Hempstead, N. Y. United States mint and used.

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October 24, 25—F. R. Ferryman, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17. U. S. and Gen. Foreign.

October 25—Huber Stamp and Coin Co., Box 488, Minneapolis 1, Minn. U. S. incl. Wholesale.

October 25—Stampade Co., 904 Carnegie Hall, Cleveland 15, Ohio. Mound City Stamp Club Open House.

October 27 to 31—Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18. Austria 1850-1864, and Lombardy-Venetia 1850-1864.

October 27, 28—H. R. Harmer, Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. I., England. France Specialized.

should not be afraid to order from it. The lists are available to dealers only. The material is good according to the latest list. Anyone writing must do so on their letterhead.

Something new has been added in conducting a stamp business with the idea of George W. Wentz, Jr. of San Marcos, Texas. Usually, most stamp dealers guarantee their stamps for a period of from three to ten days after receipt of them by the collector. If the stamps are not what the collector thinks they should be they are returned. Wentz is giving a guarantee coupon that is good on each purchase, whether it be stamps or supplies, for a period of two months. The collector can return a purchase made from him in that period of time if the purchase is not satisfactory in price, condition or for other reason. Wentz will furnish a sample guarantee coupon to the curious at no cost.

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November 10, 11—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32E. 57th St. New York 22. "Dr. Fisher Air-mail Stamps".

November 10, 11, 17, 18—H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. I., England. Britain and Colonies.

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November 12, — Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18, Austria 1867-1938.

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He was active in the Wichita Stamp Club and, during the SPA convention held there in August, he was in charge of the dealers' bourse at the convention exhibition.

Mr. Bartling was born in Paducah, Ky., but had lived in Kansas in recent years. Before living in Wichita nine years ago he lived in Topeka and Kansas City where he was active in Philatelic affairs and organizations. He was 56 years old.

In stamps, Mr. Bartling's major interest was U. S. issues and he had a particular enthusiasm for XIX Century varieties. He had high ideas when it came to condition and devoted a lot of time to searching for truly fine specimens.

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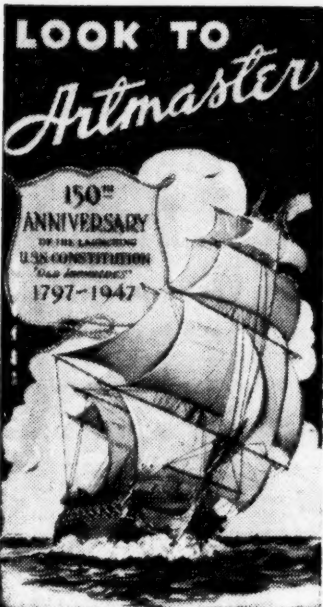
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### Mailing Of Christmas Packages For Overseas Armed Forces Due Now

Arrangements have been made by the Post Office Departments in cooperation with the war and Navy Departments (including the Marines) for the acceptance of Christmas parcels for members of our armed forces serving outside the continental United States. While requests for parcels from members of our armed forces are not required, many persons in this country will undoubtedly wish to send special Christmas parcels to their loved ones overseas, and these instructions are, therefore, issued with the view of assuring their delivery on time and in good condition. Patrons should endorse each such gift parcel "Christmas parcel" and special effort will be made to effect delivery of all Christmas parcels mailed during the period stated below in time for Christmas. Postmasters are requested to give the widest publicity to the following with this end in view.  
The term "armed forces overseas" includes the personnel of our armed forces and authorized United States civilians employed overseas who receive their mail through an A. P. O. or fleet post office in care of the postmaster at New York, N. Y., or San Francisco, Calif., or an A. P. O. in care of the postmaster at Miami, Fla. New Orleans, La., or Seattle, Wash.  
Christmas parcels for overseas personnel should be mailed during the period beginning October 15, 1947, and ending November 15, 1947, the earlier the better. Parcels destined for delivery in Japan, Korea, and the islands in the Pacific should be mailed as early as possible during the period stated, preferably not later than November 1 in view of the distance involved.

It is suggested, however, that parcels for Navy and Marine Corps personnel serving in the most remote areas be mailed not later than October 15. Parcels for such personnel known to be in an area which would permit mailing subsequent to October 15 may be deposited for mailing at a date selected by the sender.  
Christmas cards for Army personnel overseas may be mailed at any time but patrons should mail such cards prior to November 15, 1947, if they are to have a reasonable expectation of delivery prior to Christmas. The War Department advises that greeting cards for soldiers overseas must be sent in sealed envelopes and prepaid at the first-class rate.

### Notes And Comments On Spanish Issues

Spanish Moroccan semi-postal stamps, the surtax of which is to be used in the battle against Tuberculosis, were issued on September 1. These will remain on sale until September 25, when the balance of the issue will be removed from sale and probably destroyed. A total of 200,000 complete sets were issued.  
Due to the fact that there has been established a new rate for post cards of 35c, Spain will issue a stamp to cover this rate. It will bear the likeness of Herman Cortes, conqueror of Mexico. 5,000,000 of these stamps will be printed, and will be made in a commemorative theme in honor of the 400th Anniversary of the death of Cortes.  
The new air letter that was released on September 1, has no actual imprint of a stamp on it. It has what might be termed an impression similar to a meter impression, which in all probability it is. The value of this air letter is 1.30 Pts., a rate just half of that in which an envelope is used.  
The Stamp Day issue as reported previously in this paper will occur this year on October 9 where previously it had occurred annually on the 12th. The issue will consist of three stamps, all in some way giving homage to Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, author of "Don Quixote." The 9th is the 400th Anniversary of the birthday of the author.  
Two high value air mail stamps that were ordered by a decree of November 19, 1946, now seems to have been forgotten altogether, or have been abandoned for the present. The face on these were to have been 25 and 50 Pesetas. It was feared that with these stamps

it would be possible to facilitate the conversion of Spanish Pesetas into Swiss Francs and American dollars on the black market, so governmental authorities decided against the issue for the time being.  
We are indebted for the above information about Spanish issues to Carlos Lenze, "El Centro Filatelico," Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain.

### New Letter Rates Bring New Stamp For Ibi

The Territory of Ifni, the administration of whose government is carried on from Spanish Morocco, has just recently had some additions to its stamp supplies. This was caused by the raising of the local and the international letter rate from this Spanish protectorate. Therefore a stamp of new design and of a 50 pts. value was issued. Increasing the airmail rate from 1.40 to 1.50 pts. caused the issuance of two stamps of a 5c and 10c values which were to be used with the current 1.40 stamp of which there is a good supply, to make the new rate. Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain passed the above information to us.

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37a	.30	91	.03	135	.02	181	.02	226	.11
38	.35	92	.06	141	.01	182	.01	227	.45
39	.35	93	.15	142	.01	183	.01	228	.02
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54	.40	112	.02	156	.10	201	.10	241a	.02
56	.06	112a	.13	157	.14	205	.02	242	.03
57	.02	113	.04	158	1.00	206	.02	243	.02
58	.03	113a	.03	159	1.50	207	.01	244	.14
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60	.10	115	.10	161	.02	208	.25	246	.02
71	.60	116	.03	162	.02	204	.06	247	.02
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76	.01	120	.35	166	.01	211	.03	251	.01
77	.01	120a	.45	167	.01	212	.02	251a	.01
77a	.04	121	.08	168	.03	213	.02	252	.15
78	.01	122	.14	169	.05	214	.15	252a	.01
79	.04	123	.65	170	.01	215	.10	253	.01
80	.75	124	.85	171	.12	216	.30	254	.03
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### INTERESTING FACTS

by L. F. Turley

### APPROVAL EDUCATION

(Continued from previous Issues.)

It was our intention to end this subject on the last running of this column, which gave the main points as we saw them for final summing up of the facts. In fact, we were contemplating an entirely different subject.

Since we have received several comments on this subject it appears that even with the running of the program for a series of several weeks, there are many items upon which we have not touched. It is gratifying that some readers have heeded our column and still want more knowledge of just how to be good stamp collectors. There is much that can be said on the matter, but we were merely trying to mention the most important factors as we saw them.

It seems that we have touched on the matter as it concerns the collector alone and left the dealers entirely out of the picture. That may be remedied here by stating that dealers are dealers and no two are alike. It seems that most of them are interested in one common goal and that is selling stamps, no matter how.

We quote from a recent letter: "After telling my dealer that I had to limit my purchases, he told me that no one should specialize if they limit their purchases, so why don't I buy mixtures." That is one of the most absurd statements that we have ever heard. Anyone may have a very fine collection by limiting his purchases and many fine collectors are doing just that. They are building remarkable collections toward the day when they may expand to the larger and more expensive items. A person can get a very fine representation of any country and still limit his purchases to a certain amount each month. The trouble with that dealer is that he had his own interest at heart and not the collector's. He was interested in unloading that which he had in stock for an immediate sale, and not in what the collector wished to collect.

When more dealers come to the realization that the limited purchaser is the backbone of the business today, they will find that they are finally down to the level of the real collector. Sure, all dealers would like to sell \$100 worth of stamps to each customer, but it will be found that most purchasers are the type who buy about \$5-\$15 per month and they are the true collectors. If every dealer would get out after the ordinary collectors in this class, they will find a decided increase in their turnover, and a mounting profit. The writer speaks from experience, of having handled this

type of trade over a period of several years.

Another problem is that every dealer seems to think that every item on a want list is a MUST purchase. There have been cases where the dealers had tried, figuratively speaking, to force purchases down the collector's throat, just because it was on a want list. We have stated that a collector should put on his want list, only those items that he truly intends to buy but—we did not say that just because it was on the want list he was expected to pay the top price for some second grade material. The final judgment in this case is always still in the hands of the collector. If the want list is handled right, eventually the collector will buy everything on the list, if he is handled properly and courteously. Too many dealers get the impression that a want list is a purchase order for material. It is not! It is a mere indication that he is interested in certain material, but not a statement of intent to buy the first copy presented to him of the material listed.

There is more to a want list than the fact that a certain catalog number appears there. Condition, price and the amount of the purchase all enter into the picture. If a collector limits his or her purchases to \$15 per month, then some arrangements will have to be worked out to allow that purchaser to buy a \$25.00 stamp. If the collector is a regular customer, there is no reason we can see that the dealer can not work out a monthly payment schedule for a certain stamp; thereby allowing the small time collector to become a big buyer. Of course, it would be understood that the dealer is to hold the merchandise until it is paid for in full. The intangible material involved practically makes this sort of merchandising necessary. No true collector should object to this manner of buying if he has reached the point where he can really trust his dealer. Such arrangements should not be made with just any dealer; only with a dealer who has established his reliability with him. This is not to say that dealers are dishonest, but it is to say that in every type of business today there are bound to be certain individuals who enter the field and last only a short time (a quick killing and then get out of sight). It is being done now and will be done as long as the uncontrolled ethics of the hobby are as they are. There is too little control on the activities of dealers in the hobby to weed out the undesirables.

This brings us to the point of the smaller dealer. His capital is limited; he may not be in a position to handle budget buying. That is true, but if steady purchases are made from him over a period of time and he watches his stock as well as his limited capital, he can and should work out such deals with his customers. If he is smart he can negotiate this matter with a few collectors at a time, and the collector will be none the wiser.

There are more small dealers in the business today than there are large ones. It was once estimated that the average capital and stock of the average dealer was less than \$5,000. Even that amount spread very thin will find the dealer hard put to stock stamps as required and make his money go around. The collectors will have to realize this factor in dealing with all dealers, and that way they will not be making impossible demands on a dealer of limited means.

We shall continue this subject in a later issue.

### Disputed German Set Of Stamps Is Found Postally Cancelled

New light has been cast upon the oft-questioned postal authenticity of Germany B292 and B293, the celebrated SA and SA German commemoratives with the discovery of a number of copies of these two adhesives on cover, postally marked on the last day of Berlin's history as a German city, and one day before capitulation by the Wehrmacht to the Russians.

These covers are the property of Robert Joseph of North Hollywood, and were originally offered for inspection to Scott's by Dealer Jack Cooper of Masselin Avenue, Los Angeles, California some months ago. Joseph acquired them during his one year's stay in Berlin with Military Government, from a dealer who lived near one of the four branch post offices, Zehlendorf, which was in operation until the late afternoon of April 21, 1945.

All of Berlin except the area around Hitler's headquarters, and four small suburban hamlets were occupied at the time by the Russians. Postal service had been discontinued in all parts of Berlin except the four post offices of Zehlendorf, Dahlem, Wilmersdorf and Schlachtensee. These four branches, located within an area of about three square miles, were still operating until that fatal day.

The SA and SS stamps were originally two of a set of four. The other two honored the NSKK and NSLK, green, 8 pf. plus 4pf, which were printed at the Reichsdruckerei in Jena, but never delivered for distribution. In this connection, Zumstein, the Swiss catalogue, lists all four stamps, and lists the SS and SA both mint and used.

The covers which Joseph acquired from a reputable Berlin dealer, were mailed on the morning of April 21, and delivered to his home later the same day, the last delivery from the Zehlendorf branch post office. The dealer in question lived a few blocks from the Zehlendorf post office.

Upon receipt of the covers by Scott Publications, James B. Hatcher wrote, "...the evidence you have been kind enough to submit will certainly be considered in our effort to place these SA and SS items in the spot they deserve."

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Czechoslovakia.....	.60	.30 .07 .25 .06
Norway.....	.40	.20 .06 .22 .06
Luxemb.....	.45	.26 .06 .22 .05
Netherlands.....	.40	.26 .06 .22 .05
Belgium.....	.40	.26 .06 .22 .05
France.....	.55	.26 .06 .22 .06
Greece.....	.95	.40 .09 .30 .08
Yugo.....	.75	.32 .08 .30 .07
Albania.....	.85	.35 .08 .28 .07
Austria.....	.75	.30 .07 .28 .07
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1798 May 5—Captain Nicholson ordered to repair on board and fit her for sea.  
Sept. 9—Captured the privateer NIGER of 24 guns and 70 men and brought her into Norfolk, Va.  
Dec. 5—Ordered to join the force under the command of Captain Barry in the West Indies.  
1799 Jan. 16—Recaptured a British ship, the SPENCER, from the French Frigate INSURGENTE.  
May 28—Captain Nicholson detached and Captain Silas Talbot ordered to command.  
July 23—Left Boston for the West India station as the flag-ship of Captain Talbot with Isaac Hull as 1st Lieutenant and a crew of 400 officers and men.  
1799 Recaptured a Hamburg vessel bound home from Calcutta, from the French, and sent her into New York.  
1800 May 11—Captured the ship SANDWICH, Lieut. Hull with few men went into the harbor of Port Platte in the SALLY and cut her out.  
1801 Mar. 3—Ordered to return to Boston and to hold herself in readiness for sea.  
1801 July to 1803 June—Repairing at Boston.  
1801 Sept. 21—Resignation of Captain Talbot accepted. Lieut. Hull put in charge. Later he was succeeded by Nathaniel Haraden.  
1803 May 14—Captain Edward Preble ordered to command the CONSTITUTION and to fit her for sea.  
Aug. 14—Sailed for the Mediterranean as flag-ship of Preble.  
Sept. 7—Boarded the Moorish frigate MAIMONA bound to Lisbon.  
Dec. 23—Captured a Turkish ketch MASTIOO with 70 Tripolines on board.  
1804 Feb. 16—U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA destroyed in harbor of Tripoli. (The "Philadelphia" had previously been captured by the Moors.)  
July 14—Sailed for the siege of Tripoli with 2 bomb vessels, 6 gunboats, and the NAUTILUS and ENTERPRISE in company.  
July 25—Anchored in sight of Tripoli.  
Aug. 3—Attacked the town and harbor and captured 3 gunboats.  
Aug. 7—Attacked the batteries.  
Aug. 26—Bombarded Tripoli.  
Sept. 3—Made a general attack on the town and harbor.  
Sept. 10—Preble relinquished command.  
Sept. 12—Captured 2 Greek ships in sight of Tripoli for breach of blockade.  
Sept. 14—Sailed for Malta where Preble left her to return to the United States.  
Sept. 24—Captain Stephen Decatur ordered to command.  
Nov. 6—Captain Decatur detached. Commodore John Rodgers took command.  
1805 May 22—Commodore Rodgers made her his flag-ship.  
June 3—Peace with Tripoli signed on board.  
1806 May—Commodore Rodgers relinquished command to return to the United States.  
May 30—Captain Hugh G. Campbell took command.  
Oct.—Arrived at Boston from the Mediterranean.  
Nov. 10—Left Boston for New York where she was dismantled and out of commission for 2 years.  
Dec. 8—Captain Campbell detached from command.  
1809 Feb. 2—Commodore John Rodgers ordered to New York to prepare her for sea.  
Aug. 9—Became the flag-ship of Commodore Rodgers on the Home Station.  
1810 May 2—Sent into New York the GOLCONDA of New York and the ROSE of Philadelphia for violation of the non-intercourse law, both having British goods on board.  
June 17—Captain Isaac Hull took command and sailed for Boston.  
1811 Aug. 5—Left Annapolis with Joel Barlow, new minister to France, and family on board. Also carried out money to pay the interest on our debt to Holland.  
1812 Apr. 6—Arrived at the Washington Navy Yard for overhauling.  
June 20—Declaration of war read on board.  
June 21—Left Washington to join squadron of Commodore Rodgers at New York.  
July 17-20—Escaped from a British squadron of five ships off New York by good management and superior seamanship.  
Aug. 11—Captured and burned the British brig LADY WARREN in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.  
Aug. 12—Captured and burned the brig ADEONA in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.  
Aug. 16—Recaptured the brig ADELINA, a prize to the enemy, off Cape Race, and ordered her into Boston.  
Aug. 19—Captured H. B. M. S. GUERRIERE of 49 guns and 280 men. She was too much cut up to send into port so Captain Hull ordered her burned.  
Sept. 15—Captain Hull gave up the command. Captain William Bainbridge took command.  
Nov. 9—Captured the brig SOUTH CAROLINA and sent her into Philadelphia.  
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**IDEA FOR IMPROVED SERVICE**  
In a letter dated September 3, Major Richard Wilkinson on duty somewhere in Germany has informed us that the July 14 issue of our paper has just reached him. Maj. Wilkinson suggested an excellent idea to speed this service and from his letter we quote, "suggest you put my copy in an old beer bottle in the future and throw it in the Ohio river—I believe it will get here sooner."

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The following is a list of the numbers assigned to stamp printing plates during the month of August at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.  
Presidential 1 1/2c stamp, regular issue, 400 subject plates, 23697-8.  
Presidential 3c stamp, regular issue, 400 subject plates, 23699, 23700-1-2-3-4-5-6.  
The following is a list of the stamp plate numbers sent to press and printed from during the month of August for the first time.  
Presidential 3c stamp, regular issue, 400 subject plates, 23565-6, 23569-71-72-75.  
Air Mail 1947 (new) 10c, 200 subject plates, 23693-4.  
Postage Due 3c, 400 subject plates, 22963-4.

It is noted that air mail service will be inaugurated about October 15 at Anderson, S. C. Collectors of first air flight cancellations and the cachets usually provided for such events can take advantage of this one. Directions for getting this is elsewhere in this issue.

Rumors have appeared to the effect that the Post Office Department will not and has not planned to issue a Santa Claus stamp. Looks as if the high pressure boys from the various national organizations are getting in their harpoons on this, the ones that issue the Christmas Seals each year. There are a number of organizations that produce these bits of paper at that season and apparently feel that they will lose revenue if such a stamp appears. Such an attitude will backfire on them. If the public finds that they have been instrumental in having the Santa Claus stamp abandoned, their seal sales might be boycotted.

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"This marks an epochal step forward in mail transport. The Post Office Department has always taken advantage of every new means to speed up the delivery of mail," Mr. Hannegan stated, "and it is significant that once again, through the use of the helicopter, the Postal Service is keeping pace with transportation progress. By so doing, we not only benefit ourselves and our postal patrons but in some measure contribute to the welfare of our nation and its commerce and to scientific development. Our present systems of transportation—the railroads, the highways, the airways—can trace their present efficiency and general acceptance to the encouragement given to them in their infancy by the Post Office Department."

The first helicopter route will give direct air mail service between the Los Angeles airport and nine outlying communities to the north. Many other towns will be served indirectly through these offices. On the same day, a shuttle service will begin operation between the airport and the Terminal Annex post office in downtown Los Angeles. A second helicopter route serving cities to the east of Los Angeles will begin service on October 16.

"The real objectives in adding the helicopter to the postal transportation scheme," Mr. Hannegan pointed out, "are to give trunk line air mail service to those cities and towns which surround a metropolis and, secondly, make it possible to have 12-hour air mail between any two metropolis areas. With the addition of helicopter service, which we plan to extend to other cities in the days ahead, I am confident that these objectives can be achieved."

Savings in transit time of from 4 1/2 to 19 hours will be possible in the Los Angeles area when helicopter service goes into operation. Now, most of the air mail must be transported from nearby cities by truck or train to the Los Angeles post office, and then sent on by truck to the air mail field. Direct helicopter service will eliminate this time-consuming surface transportation. This was evidenced in July 1946 when the Post Office Department conducted exhaustive helicopter tests.

Further helicopter tests were held in Chicago in October, 1946 and in New York in the early part of 1947. These experiments further demonstrated the benefits to be gained in the expedition of air mail by helicopter, and have led to the start of actual service in Los Angeles. And in Chicago, on September 15 the Civil Aeronautics Board will hold hearings on applications which have been filed for inaugurating similar service in that area.

Circular routes—routes "that emanate from and terminate at the airport—were decided upon because they were efficient in operation and because of fog conditions which are prevalent during certain seasons of the year. Moving inland, the helicopter will avoid the early morning coastal fog and return to the airport by way of coastal cities when flying conditions are more favorable.

Ultimate extension of shuttle service between the airport and Terminal Annex to include some of the larger branches of the Los Angeles post office is authorized under the order of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Postal officials estimate that more than two million people will be benefited by this new service. They also anticipate that other cities and towns will be included on the routes as soon as landing areas can be selected and operational problems worked out.

Route A will begin service on October 1 and operate twice daily except Sundays and holidays. It will serve Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Monrovia, Glendale, Burbank, North Hollywood, Van Nuys and Santa Monica. Trips will leave the airport at 6:30 and 11:50 a. m., returning to the air field at 7:47 a. m. and 1:08 p. m.

Shuttle service between the airport and Terminal Annex will operate on a 14-minute schedule and will make six round trips daily except Sunday. The first trip will leave the airport at 6:40 a. m., and the last trip will arrive at the airport at 2:09 p. m.

Service on Route B will begin October 16. Stops will be made at Lynwood, Whittier, Montebello, El Monte, Pomona, Ontario, Riverside, Corona and Fullerton. Operating at the same frequency as Route A, the trips will be made from the airport at 6:20 and 11:20 a. m., returning at 8:33 a. m. and 1:33 p. m. respectively.

For the benefit of collectors desiring inaugural flight covers, identical official cachets will be provided at all offices on the two routes, at the air mail field and at the Terminal Annex. Covers from post offices and the terminal annex will also receive appropriate postmarks, and will be backstamped at the air mail field. Covers sent from the air mail field will be given similar postmarking, and will be backstamped at a designated office on the routes.

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## Machine Made Censor Markings Are Observed

The first time that we have seen such an item, although it is probably common, is the cover brought to our attention by Maurice Danziger of Manchester, Conn. It is a first class letter cover from Germany which has the stamp cancelled at Nuremberg with a circular postmark on July 24. Then instead of having the usual censor stamp and the cellophane adhesive strip on the end to seal the envelope after opening, it has a machine made censor mark in red. The mark is circular in shape and bears the wording, "U. S. Civil Censorship-Munich," and the date August 8.

It was possible to use this marking perhaps if the censor knew the contents of the letter, or if he had a lazy streak that day. It could be that the letter was forwarded to the censor station without being sealed, after which it was properly inspected and sealed and sent through the automatic imprinting device. This censor marking is similar in format to regular foreign cancelling machine impressions.

offices should be sent to the respective postmasters; those to be mailed from the Terminal Annex should be sent to the Postmaster, Los Angeles 52, Calif., and those to be mailed from the airport should be sent to the District Superintendent, Railway Mail Service, District 2, Los Angeles.

Covers for the inauguration of service on Route A and the shuttle route on October 1 should be accompanied by the usual request and the covering envelope indorsed "Inauguration Helicopter Service October 1, 1947."

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As the newest stamp in the Rheinland-Pfalz series in the French Occupied Zone of Germany, the above illustrated stamp is also probably the most beautiful. It is an 84Pf. printed in dark green and is the seventh value in the series for this German state. The value makes the stamp usable to prepay the fee for registration and postage on domestic mail. Otherwise, because of its attractive design and color it would certainly make a beautiful tourist propaganda issue.

The scene depicted on the stamp is of a district of the Rheinland along the Rhine river. On the left side of the stamp, on the high rock is shown the ruins of Gutenfels, and in the center of the river on the island is shown the many towered castle of the Pfalz (Landgrave-Pfalz). This castle is reputed to be the birth place of the former Landgrave ladies, according to legends of this district.

The above stamp might be the last one issued by the French for the five states in their occupied zone. Rumors now current have

it that an issue of stamps will be made that will be valid in all five of the states, rather than each have an individual issue as before. We are able to show the above stamp through the courtesy of F. Behle-Neuhof of P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany.

## Big Saturday Afternoon For Maine Collectors

Maine collectors are going to have an opportunity of enjoying an outstanding philatelic event, when the Fall Meeting of the Maine Philatelic Society takes place at the Augusta House, Augusta, Me., on October 18. The program starts at 2 p. m. and will offer visitors a stamp exhibition, an auction, a bourse and a brief business meeting. Further details of the meet can be obtained from the secretary of the club, Bertha D. Forsythe, 92 Union St., Belfast, Me.

## Scott Publications Renders Its Decision On Doubtful Issues

The Hungarian Roosevelt issue, including souvenir sheets, the San Marino Roosevelt set, and the Belgian CIPEX airmail semipostals will receive merely "tentative listing" in Scott's Standard Stamp Catalogue, it is announced by Gordon R. Harmer, president of Scott Publications, Inc., and editor of the catalogue.

The present plan of Scott Publications is to provide no space in Scott albums for these stamps and to drop them from the "tentative listing" in a year or two.

The Hungarian set is considered unworthy of Catalogue recognition because. (1.) This set, with a face value equal to about 40 cents, was promptly sold in New York at eight times face. (2.) It was sold in this country before being issued in Budapest. (3.) Exceedingly few copies were released in Hungary, the great majority being sent to the United States. (4.) These stamps are inscribed in English rather than Magyar, suggesting that the set was not prepared primarily for

## Chicken Will Be Served With No Holds Barred

October 12th will be the date of the first North Regional meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. It will be held in the reception hall of Rudy's at Reifs Mills which is located fourteen miles northwest of Manitowoc, Wis., on state highway H. There will be entertainment for the ladies during the business meeting. At 6:30 p. m. the annual chicken dinner sponsored by the Manitowoc Philatelic Society will be served. It will be country style—no restrictions on belt adjustments. All persons who plan to attend should have reservations in by October 10th. A stamp auction and trading session will take place between the business session and the banquet.

postal purposes.

The San Marino Roosevelt series is considered below par because an advance sale was made to American dealers by an Italian speculator at a price several times face value, forcing American collectors to pay exorbitant prices.

The Abyssinian set honoring Roosevelt was "cornered by the largest of the importers," according to the dealer who supplies Donald F. Lybarger, president of the American Philatelic Society, and the two airmail denominations, with a face value of \$1.20 U. S., were immediately offered to American collectors at about \$9.

The Belgian CIPEX series includes items with a surtax of more than 20 times postage value, which is considered "pure exploitation," by the Catalogue editor.

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74	1902 #302 5c violet, V.F. used block	6.00
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136	⊙ #78 & 78b 24c 7 good to V.P. copies	42.00
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138	⊙ #106 1c buff, 5 good to fine copies	20.00
139	⊙ #113 2c brown, 5 good to fine copies	20.00
140	⊙ #116 10c yellow, 6 good to F. copies	51.00
141	⊙ #117 12c green, 4 fair to fine copies	32.00
142	⊙ #151 12c dull viol., 5 good to F. copies	12.00
143	⊙ #152 15c bright or., 3 good to F. copies	18.00
144	⊙ #153 24c purple, 3 copies G. to F.	24.00
145	⊙ #154 12c black, 3 copies G. to F.	27.00
146	⊙ #153 15c yell. or. 3 good to fine copies	18.00
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- 1812 Dec. 29—Captured H.B.M.S. JAVA off San Salvador with valuable mail and passengers on board. Burnt her.
- 1813 Feb. 28—Arrived at Boston. Sent to the Navy Yard for overhauling.
- 1814 July 18—Captain Charles Stewart ordered to her command.  
Feb. 14—Captured ship LOVELY ANN laden with fish, flour, and lumber. Sent her into Barbadoes as a prize.  
Feb. 15—Captured H.B.M.S. PICTOU on the coast of Guiana.  
Feb. 18—Captured and sunk the schooner PHENIX laden with lumber.  
Feb. 19—Captured and sunk brig CATHARINE on coast of Guiana.  
Apr. 3—She was chased into Marblehead by the British frigates JUNON and TENEDOS. Went on around to Boston where she was blockaded by the enemy for 8½ months.  
Dec. 17—Left Boston on her fifth cruise during the War of 1812.  
Dec. 24—Captured the British merchant ship LORD NELSON, laden with spirits, off Bermuda. Took out a part of her cargo and scuttled her.
- 1815 Feb. 16—Captured ship SUSANNAH, laden with hides, etc., and valued at \$73,000, off Lisbon. Sent her into New York.  
Feb. 20—Captured H.B.M. Ships CYANE and LEVANT off Madeira.  
May 15—Arrived at New York.  
July 16—Captain Stewart detached.
- 1815-1821 Out of commission at New York.
- 1821 April 1—Captain Jacob Jones took command.  
May 13—Left New York as the flag-ship of Captain Jacob Jones who was to command the Mediterranean Squadron.  
1824 May 31—Captain Jones detached. Captain Thomas MacDonough ordered to command.
- 1825 Oct. 20—Captain MacDonough detached because of ill health.  
Oct. 21—Captain Daniel T. Patterson assigned to command.  
Nov. 30—Detached to BRANDYWINE. Again in command February 20, 1826.
- 1828 July 19—Placed out of commission.  
July 26—Captain Patterson detached.  
It was at this period in the life of the CONSTITUTION that it was recommended that she be broken up but she was saved by public sentiment aroused by the poem of Oliver Wendell Holmes.
- 1833 June 24—Placed in dry dock at Boston.
- 1835 Mar. 3—Commodore Jesse D. Elliott took command and sailed for New York soon after.  
Aug. 19—Left New York for the Mediterranean as the flag-ship of Commodore Elliott.  
Nov. 8—Arrived at Athens, Greece. (Otto, King of Greece, and staff visited the ship while here.)
- 1836 July 30—Arrived at Corfu. (Sir Howard Douglas, Lord High Commissioner, the President and Council of the Ionian Island, visited the ship at this place.)  
Oct. 2—Arrived at Alexandria, Egypt. (Mahomet Ali, Viceroy of Egypt, and suite visited ship while here.)
- 1837 Jan. 4—Arrived at Lisbon, Portugal. (English, French, Danish and Belgian ambassadors visited ship here.)  
June 15—Arrived at Athens, Greece. (Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Greece, visited ship at this place.)  
Aug. 11—Arrived at Beirut. (Here two ancient sarcophagi, or marble tombs, were brought on board. Supposed to be 1400 years old.)
- 1838 July 31—Arrived at Hampton Roads, Va. Placed out of commission.
- 1839 Aug. 18—Commodore Elliott detached from command.  
Mar. 1—Recommissioned at Norfolk, Va.  
Mar. 12—Commodore Alexander Claxton assumed command.  
To be flag-ship of the Pacific Squadron.  
Mar. 12—Captain Daniel Turner reported on board as commander.
- 1841 Mar. 7—Commodore Claxton died on board and Captain Turner assumed command of the Squadron.
- 1842 June 22—Special service with the Home Squadron, Captain Foxhall A. Parker in command. (Employed in the West Indies watching for pirates and slavers.)
- 1843 Oct. 13—Captain John Percival appointed to command.
- 1844 Mar. 26—Recommissioned for special duty in the Orient.  
May 30—Left New York. Carried Henry A. Wise, our Minister to Brazil, and family to Rio de Janeiro. On this cruise the CONSTITUTION visited Madeira, Rio de Janeiro, Madagascar, Mozambique, Sumatra, Singapore, Borneo, China, Manila, Hawaii, Monterey, Valparaiso, Chile, passed around Cape Horn and stopped at Rio de Janeiro again on her way to Boston. She sailed in all 52,279 miles and circumnavigated the globe.
- 1846 Oct. 5—Placed out of commission and not in service again for nearly two years.
- 1848 Aug. 31—Captain John Gwinn ordered to command.  
Dec. 9—Left Boston for the Mediterranean where she became the flag-ship of the Mediterranean Squadron.
- 1849 Aug. 2—Visited by His Holiness, the Pope, and the King of Naples at Gaeta, Italy.  
Sept. 4—Captain Gwinn died.  
Sept. 18—Captain Thomas A. Conover succeeded to the command.
- 1851 Jan. 11—Arrived at New York from the Mediterranean where she was employed in the protection of our commerce. Placed out of commission.
- 1852 Oct. 26—Commander John Rudd ordered to command.
- 1853 Mar. 2—Left New York as the flag-ship of the African Squadron, Commodore Isaac Mayo on board. Carried Colonel Nicholson out as consul to Tunis.  
Mar. 23—Arrived at Gibraltar, 21 days from New York. Visited Mediterranean ports and departed for the coast of Africa for the purpose of capturing vessels engaged in the slave trade.  
Nov. 3—Captured and sent home an American schooner called the H. N. Gambrell at Kabenda.  
While on the African coast Commodore Mayo was able to do much for the promotion of peace between the tribes and thus to further the welfare of the whites on that coast.

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**Australia To Issue New Designs Of High Value Stamps Soon**

Latest news from Australia regarding several rumored stamps is to the effect that the Princess Elizabeth stamp will be of 1d. and added to the current series. It is scheduled at the present time for release about the first of December. The Royal assent for the use of the Princess' picture on the stamp has been received, and plates are now being prepared by the Commonwealth Stamp Printer.

Information at hand also discloses that the old 1/4 stamp will be replaced with a value of 1/3. The 1/4 stamp was always a toughie to find in used condition, although they are more common used with the revenue cancellation, than with the postal one. A Hereford bull will be the feature of the design, and is the result of a selection in a recent competition for stamp designs.

New designs are in the process of being made for the 2/5, 5/10 and 1 pound stamps, while the resumption of the 2 Pound value will find its use in the large post-offices where bulk mailings entailing a high postage cost require the use of such a value. Major R. C. Dettman of Swanbourne, West Australia submitted the above information.

**FLORIDA CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1947-48**

Just recently, the Miami Florida Stamp Club installed new officers to guide the affairs of the club for another year. After all the returns were in it was found that F. B. Wadhams was elected president; W. Von Tongeln and F. Hieber, as vice-presidents, and Robert Knobel as the secretary-treasurer. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, and collectors are assured of a welcome at any of the meetings. The club, an APS chapter, is making plans for the acquisition of a permanent home by purchasing a suitable location. Address of the secretary is 3240 N. W. 27th Ave., Miami, Fla.

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**SERVICE OF U. S. FRIGATE CONSTITUTION**

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- 1855 June 14—Placed out of commission. (This cruise ended the active service of the CONSTITUTION for steam was fast replacing sails in the Navy.)
- 1860 Aug. 1—Placed in commission under the command of Lieut.-Commander David D. Porter and transferred to the Naval Academy.
- 1865 Aug.—Left Newport for Annapolis under command of Lieut.-Commander P. C. Johnson.
- 1865-1871 Training ship for midshipmen at Annapolis. Commanded by Lieut.-Commanders E. P. Lull, 1861-1863; P. C. Johnson, 1864-1866; T. H. Eastman, 1867; George Dewey, 1868, and H. L. Howison, 1871.
- 1878 During this year she made her last cruise to a foreign shore. She sailed March 4th with the American exhibit to the Universal Exposition at Paris. She reached France in April and waited nearly nine months to carry our exhibit back to the United States. Captain Oscar C. Badger was in command.
- 1879-1881 Again in use as a training ship cruising from the West Indies to Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 1882-1883 In ordinary at New York.
- 1884-1897 At Portsmouth, N. H. During part of this period she was used as a training ship.
- 1897 Oct. 21—Participated in the celebration of her one hundredth birthday anniversary at Boston, Mass. Placed in ordinary after the celebration.
- 1909-1925—Anchored in Boston Navy Yard and used as a Naval Museum.
- 1925 Congress authorized her restoration and a campaign was launched to raise the money by private contributions. Much of the money was given by the school children of the country.
- 1931 July 1—Recommissioned at Boston, Mass., in the presence of a distinguished company and to the accompaniment of a 21-gun salute.
- July 2—Sailed from Boston under command of Commander Louis J. Gulliver. She visited 90 ports on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, going as far south as Balboa, Canal Zone, in January, 1933, and as far north as Bellingham, Washington, in July, 1933. She was visited by 4,614,762 people.
- 1934 May 7—Returned to Boston, Mass., where for some years she was maintained as "in service, not commissioned" at a permanent mooring accessible to visitors.

**One Of The World's  
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Picturing one of the greatest monarchs of all time, the newest stamp issued for the state of Rheinland-Pfalz, is a one mark value in brown which pictures a sculpture of Charles the Great. This monarch has his name in Latin as Carolus Magnus, and is known in French as Charlemagne. It is as Charlemagne that he is best known. The first day of issue of the stamp was July 22.

Charlemagne, king of the Franks and Roman Emperor, was born on April 2, 742, the son of Pippin the Small. On the death of Pippin, Charlemagne with his brother Karlmann entered the government service and on the death of Karlmann became the absolute monarch. In a series of successful campaigns, he removed the encroachments and broke up the armies of the savage Saxons, thereby eliminating raids and the killing of his citizens in the borderlands.

He also campaigned in behalf of the Pope against the Langobardians, and for his service on behalf of the Church, was crowned

by Pope Leo III as Emperor of the West-Roman Empire. Besides securing the boundaries of his country and expanding them, he also converted the savage tribes of the aggressor countries to Christianity.

Even greater than his fame as a soldier, was his fame as an organizer of good government. As a legislator he introduced many of the progressive measures that exist even today as he conceived them. Occasionally he called imperial diets where he met with the representatives of the people. He was an interested patron of trade and industry, established schools and attracted scholars to his court for the education of all. Charlemagne also founded many villages and monasteries, and erected several castles.

He was the father of three sons, the most gifted of which, Pippin, died before he could succeed his father. The second son, Charles, died the next year in 811. Ludwig the Pious succeeded his father to the throne and was crowned by his father during the Imperial Diet of 813. The following year on January 28, 814, Charlemagne died at Aachen. His body now reposes in the Munster of Aachen.

F. Behle-Neuhold, P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany furnished a copy of the above stamp, and details as to its issuance and subject matter.

**Swiss Stamp Will Help  
Pay For Winter Olympics**

Collectors of topical subjects, and those who collect Swiss stamps will be pleased to know that the Swiss government will issue a stamp or series of stamps in commemoration of the Winter Olympics next January 30 to February 8. Nineteen nations have to date indicated their intentions of sending representatives to the meet. Collectors are going to have the opportunity of helping to defray the expenses of the meet, because it is expected that the stamp will bring in 175,000 Francs of a total of 350,000 needed.

Several Cantonal governments have pledged 175,000 Francs while the balance of the expense money is being solicited from the hotels and other places that are expected to benefit from the influx of the contestants and spectators. Waldo M. Keck of Minneapolis brought the above news to our attention.

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**BRITISH EMPIRE'S FUTURE?**  
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The Dominion of India and the Dominion of Pakistan will probably soon issue stamps of their own. It is also possible that some of the Native States may not join either of the two new dominions, and may, as independent countries issue stamps of their own. By treaty India participated in the affairs of Bahrain and Kuwait and both used surcharged stamps of British India. Since both Bahrain and Kuwait are Moslem, they will object to the stamps of the Dominion of India which is mostly Hindu. Use of the stamps of the Dominion of Pakistan may cause dissatisfaction in the Dominion of India and it will probably be up to Great Britain to decide as to the stamps to be used with or without surcharge. It does, however, seem certain that new stamps for Bahrain and Kuwait will be issued to conform to adjusted conditions.

It is now reported that Burma, separated from India in anticipation of the present changes, may soon become a Dominion. This is foreshadowed by the set of Burma stamps imprinted "Interim Government."

All of these changes may have some effect on the plans as to just what form of government will be eventually given to Malaya. This may well take the form of a new federation, similar to the former Federated Malay States. If this occurs, it may include all of the Straits Settlements and might even include Brunei, Sarawak and North Borneo. Whatever the eventual outcome, it does seem certain that there will be many changes in the stamps of all of the countries mentioned.

Now that the old Empire of India no longer exists, the King of England's title of Emperor of India is gone. If and when the title of Emperor of India is officially dropped, it will render obsolete the Cypher G. R. I. This will probably mean at least three new British Colonial stamps which have designs incorporating the Royal and Imperial Cypher. These three current stamps are the 1/4 pence of Malta, the 10 shilling of Grenada and the 10 shilling of St. Lucia.

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## Old Professor Loses Battle With Chicken But Recovers Sufficiently To Tell About The Speck Hunters

by Carl P. Roeth

"Shall we try to make it now," groaned the Old Professor as he made a superlative effort to rise.

"I'm willing to try," I answered. Then with a tremendous exertion of my remaining strength, backed by the last shreds of my will power, I grasped the edge of the table and pulled myself erect beside him. Our eyes met in a mutual appreciation of victory.

It had only been a few minutes before this that the women, the old Professor's wife and mine, had gotten up, from the table and with sundry remarks about us being pigs, old enough to know better, and it served us right, had gone out to the front porch. Now they were out there probably talking about their husbands, Matilda's baby, the new family on the block, or whatever women talk about in their "no men allowed" moments.

I think that I saved the day for both of us when I called out to their vanishing figures that if the Old Professor's wife didn't make such a superb job of frying chicken, we wouldn't be in our present condition. It isn't hard to make a pig of yourself on her cooking.

Once in his den, we each chose a deep cushioned lounge chair on either side of the big bay window, and relaxed with contented sighs. I don't remember how long we sat there just satisfied to sit, but I faintly remember the sunset which seemed to be especially pretty that evening and the little breezes which occasionally pushed the drapes quickly to one side for a shy peek at a couple of guys who had over eaten.

Without knowing why except that maybe I had been mulling the thought around in my mind unconsciously as we sat there, I said suddenly, "Old Professor, what's wrong with the Philatelic Agency?"

With a startled look, he set bolt upright in his chair. For a few seconds it seemed as if he were beyond speech, then he burst out with, "Please, let's stick to something safe and easy like Einstein's Theory, nuclear physics or stamps. Let's accept our great blessings and not ask too many questions about them. You're reaching an age now too, where you should recognize such dangerous curiosity. Didn't some one of your guys write in, or something," he added hastily in an effort to change the subject.

"Yes, a guy did write in," I assured him. "He seemed to be well satisfied with the fact that he was a normal stamp collector, as he put it, rather than one of these birds that go around with a magnifying glass looking for shifted transfers, broken frame lines and so-called fly specks. He said he thinks that the guys who do that kind of stuff are squirrel bait."

"I wonder," mused the old Professor, "if this fellow realizes that he appears to be just as peculiar to a non-collector of stamps as this specialist does to him. A lot of persons still think that stamp collectors lack mental balance."

"For instance," he continued, "our hobby could be compared to the human body as an illustrative example. You and I and a lot of other collectors like us, who get a kick out of a pretty stamp and relaxation in mounting it in our albums, might be called the backbone of philately. The specialists, those students about whom your letter writer made unkind remarks can be counted as being at the top of the backbone and equivalent to brains. And of course, the area at the other end of the backbone accounts for a fair share of would be stampists also."

"If it hadn't been for these speck hunters and the broken line geniuses, a lot of valuable information would have been lost forever. For it is these persons, by their studies of a certain stamp or series of stamps, who have made it possible for governments to find out things about their issues which were of importance

and which the government had either lost the records of, or had never known. It seems strange that a stamp collector should be able to tell a government more about certain of its stamp issues than that government knew itself, but that has happened regularly.

"That all might be very true," I told him, "but after all, what good does all this scabbling around for broken lines and specks amount to except the satisfaction one of these fellows gets when he thinks he has found a new headline, or something? It certainly can't mean very much to the average collector like me."

"Well," he answered, "these so-called speck hunters have done quite a lot in keeping the hobby on a high plane, and in saving you money. In the first place, it is generally one of these magnifying glass operators that spot a phony, or counterfeit issue and bring it to the attention of the government police, even before the police are aware such a counterfeiting is going on. You might

say sure, that's alright for foreign countries where such a thing can happen, but you probably don't know that counterfeiting of postage stamps has gone on, on a big scale and very profitably in our own United States.

"It wasn't too many years ago that a counterfeit gang, operating in an Eastern city, made such good reproductions of the two cent values of the 1922 issue, that they had sold several hundred thousand and before they were caught. One of these speck hunters detected the slight variance with the original, and turned his findings over to the 'T' men of the Treasury Department. These money detectives of Uncle Sam set their trap and hauled in the entire gang, plus their equipment, and a stack of the forged stamps. Treasury Department files are full of reports of such forgery attempts.

"It is not until a collector starts spending up in the dollars that he really appreciates the value of the speck hunters. We all know, at least those who have been in the hobby for some time, that there have been some superb forgers and clever repairmen work on reproducing valuable stamps for their personal profit. You can read in the daily papers every once in a while where a valuable painting has been reproduced, or a valuable antique piece of furniture has been made by an expert forger in those lines. The same thing holds true in stamps. To state it simply, wherever there is something of value, you will find someone unethical and crooked enough to try to work a deal to his own enhancement out of it.

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would anyone ever be able to tell when they had a genuine stamp? As it is, many valuable collections today contain fake stamps all unbeknown to the owner. They only show up when the lot is offered for sale at auction, or in private treaties, when one of the experts spots them. These forgers don't confine themselves just to high priced stamps. Ask some of the collectors of years ago around the turn of the century. They were not only offered, and bought, stamps that were forgeries and counterfeits of all values, but they also bought stamps of countries that never existed. Of course, this was mainly so because of a lack of good communications and wide awake stamp publications. So you see, because of the speck hunters, you can be 99½ per cent sure that any stamp that you buy is genuine, because the magnifying glass boys are in there hunting all the time.

"Gosh, I never looked at the thing from that angle," I admitted. "I guess the average collector, and the many world governments owe quite a lot to those fellows who get their kick out of the hobby of stamp collecting by reconstructing plates and watching for stuff that shouldn't be there."

"Yes, most collectors are inclined to think these fellows are a little queer," he added. "But it all boils down to what I have always contended. And that is, if a person gets relaxation and a change of mental scenery from what they are doing, then that thing is good for them."

"I sorta think that these guys are a little queer though myself, if the truth must be known," I stated. "I know several and they are all dandy fellows and good company. But, I think they know that they are considered philatelically batty and enjoy the distinction very much."

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10 Zloty bl.-green: Peasant mowing;  
15 Zloty dk.-blue: Fisher;  
20 Zloty grey-black: Miner.

These beautiful stamps were designed and engraved by a team of Polish and French artists, whose names are printed at the bottom of each stamp. From the marginal imprints (coin date) we notice that the stamps were printed in May resp. June 1947. These stamps will give a touch of French craftsmanship to the collection of Polish stamps.

**ROMANIA:**—On the occasion of the championship of "Balcan's Athlets" some Romanian stamps of the inflationary period have been overprinted with new values, and abbreviated capitals and year 1947. The old value has been cancelled by a bar. We have received a letter dated Sept. 9th, 1947 which is prepaid with "2-3 Lei" on 36.000 Lei purple. The value and the initials "C. B. A." are printed on the left and the right of King Mihai's head, the date "1947" below. These stamps could be used on outgoing mail during the "Balcanic Athletic Championship" which lasted 3 days. A special Post Office was installed at the Stadium. These are the first Romanian semi-postals in "stabilized" currency.

A new value of the stabilized issue has been received

10 Lei dark ultramarine depicting the Monument of Prince Mihai the Brave.

Design by R. Murnu  
**VATICAN CITY:**—We got a flash that the new air mail set will be issued at the end of September or at the beginning of October.

The set consists of 10 values and the face value is 1950 Lire not 450.00 as has been mentioned previously! The highest value is 1000.00 Lire, which at the official rate corresponds to 3.00.

The stamps are of large size and were designed by the foremost Italian stamp designer, Prof. Carlo Mezzana, the creator of the "Council of Trent" issue and of many other stamps which entertain the eye.

## Tennessee Club Elects Officers, Exhibits Stamps In South. Fair

New officers have taken over the helm of the Memphis Stamp Club for the coming fiscal year. Joseph Dreve is the new prexy, Warren Ware, vice-president, Bedford Joyner, secretary and L. P. Wilff, sales manager. Members of the club placed exhibits in the Mid South Fair held in Memphis in September and drew many favorable comments on their material. A dinner and auction are planned in November to which all collectors are invited. Address of the secretary is 72 Park Lane, Memphis, Tenn.

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The service on October 1st will be on the shuttle route from the Los Angeles Municipal Airport to the Terminal Annex Post Office in Los Angeles; and on route "A" from the Los Angeles Airport via Monrovia, Alhambra, South Pasadena, Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, North Hollywood, and Van Nuys back to the Los Angeles airport.

An official cachet will be provided at each of the above stops. Covers should be sent to the postmasters of the various cities. Covers from the Los Angeles Municipal Airport should be sent to the District Superintendent, Railway Mail Service, District 2, Los Angeles, Calif.

On October 15th, route "B" will be inaugurated. Los Angeles Municipal Airport—Whittier—Montebello—El Monte—Pomona—Ontario—Riverside—Corona—Fullerton—Los Angeles Municipal Airport. Official cachets here also.

Other first flights expected about October first include:

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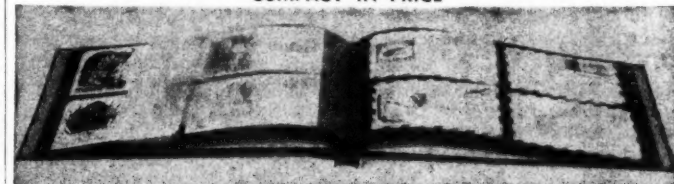
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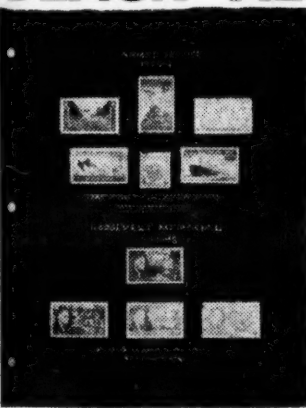
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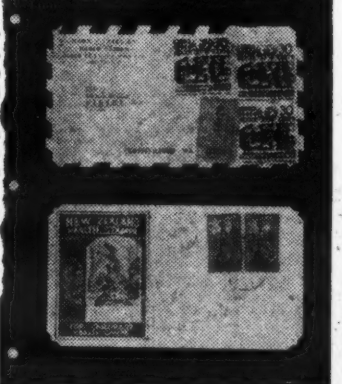
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## Australian Collectors Besiege Their Post Office Department For Remaining Copies Of Alleged "Wrong Face" Stamp

From Maj. R. C. Dettman, Military Range, Swanbourne, Western Australia, we have received the following important news regarding the Newcastle commemorative issues released on September 8.



The 2½d. stamp, which was intended to bear the picture of Lieut. (later Captain) John Shortland, who discovered Newcastle, actually depicts Lieut. John Shortland, father of Newcastle's discoverer. The error was discovered by Mr. John Shortland, of Manly, who will take the part of Lieut. Shortland in anniversary celebrations ceremonies.

The organizer of pageants for the 150th anniversary celebrations. Mr. R. N. Rodgers, said today that the committee had been informed that a similar error had occurred during the celebration of Newcastle's 100th anniversary in 1897, when official publications bore the picture of the wrong Shortland.

Historians suggest that an explanation of the confusion might be that Lieut. John Shortland, the discoverer, became known generally in official records as captain, while his less distinguished father retained the lower rank.

The publicity officer for the Newcastle Philatelic Society (Mr. C. H. Puddicombe) said that additional proof was needed before it could be established that the wrong portrait had been used. Apart from philatelists few people would know or care if a mistake had been made about the portrait of Newcastle's discoverer.

A leading Sydney stamp dealer said that the mistake would almost certainly give the stamp enhanced value. Postal authorities in Sydney said that they had no knowledge of the mistake in the picture and as far as they knew the stamp would be issued as planned. Australian stamps are designed in Melbourne and printed there by the Commonwealth Note and Stamp Printer.

An avalanche of applications for the "Wrong Shortland" stamp has swept into the Newcastle post office since the discovery of the error. The Newcastle postmaster (Mr. D. Gilmour) said that a special staff was engaged to handle the applications, not only from local purchasers but from Philatelists from other States and overseas.

Discerning philatelists might not be over enthusiastic about the new issue, he said, but the error would probably receive a lot of comment in philatelic journals. Special cancelling stamps would be used at the post office to cancel the "first-day covers" and those would indicate that the letters were posted at Newcastle.

The Postmaster-General (Senator Cameron) does not agree that the picture on the 2½d. Newcastle commemorative stamp is of the wrong John Shortland. The portrait used by the Commonwealth Stamp Printer had been taken from "The Voyage of Governor Phillip," which was published in 1789, he said.

Should investigation establish that the portrait was in fact that of the father of the discoverer of the Hunter River, as was claimed by authorities other than those who advised the Stamp Printer in the first instance, the aim of the special stamps would still be achieved.

Credit for sending in sample of this stamp also goes to Forest B. Wilson, Box 1499, Tampa, Florida.



Hoover Bros. announce the new Bureau Print catalog to be released between Sept. 15 to Oct. 1st. It has been the custom in the past to have the new catalog at the P.S.S. Convention but due to unstable publishing conditions it has not been possible for the past several years. The next edition will be the 31st—The BUCKEYE was mailed in September from Bowling Green O. in their new U-121N type. Those Bloomfield Blue ink varieties arise again. I have at hand two denominations the 3c and 4½c in a deep color which is more Purple than Blue. I have a 4½c that is decidedly blue. One wonders if there was more than one run or if the Blue color was let run down and the darker color applied, or if the deep color faded out to a blue on the light imprint copies. An interesting angle to ponder over.—The ESSCEPEEECEEE bulletin of the Southern Calif. Precancel club mailed this month from Alpine Calif. U-120N type.—The last of the cumulative check lists released by Hoover Bros. shows that at least 112 new items will be listed this year with 39 items reported as shipped but not as yet seen. I don't believe that it is a very large total. I am under the impression this is a small amount of additions in comparison to years past.

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 During the recent PSS convention in Washington the Capital Precancel Club had available to attending members a Program of the Convention activities and along with the Program a catalog of the city type precancels of the District was given as a souvenir. The catalog comprises of four pages and illustrates all known used types and several types that are of a provisional nature. All known varieties of precancels are listed and priced but no Bureau Prints are listed. It was a very nice gesture on the part of the Capital Precancel Club but the nicest part is that quite a number of copies are left over and will be given to interested precancel collectors FREE upon sending of a stamp and addressed envelope to Geo. W. Hawse 4102 North Third Road, Arlington, Va. Post Card requests will be ignored. Write Mr. Hawse for your copy of this catalog and get an idea what a general catalog would look like.

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We sincerely believe that if the projects which the annual sale of various seals support are worthy, which probably all are, that the public will not neglect them. If anything, it might even increase the sale of them. On the other hand, if these organizations buck a project as popular as the Santa Claus stamp, they are going to merit a lot of ill will which might cause the public to boycott their seals.

## LUXEMBOURG WILL ISSUE STAMP HONORING PATTON

Walter Lusa of Ridgefield, N.J. is authority for the news that Luxembourg intends to issue a set of stamps sometime during October in honor of the late General George Patton. Four stamps are to comprise the issue and form a public expression of gratitude on the part of Luxembourg for deliverance by the Allies.

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866	Emerson	.50	938	Texas (New)	.19
895	Pan American	1.25	939	M. Marine	.21
898	Coronado	.45	940	Disch. Emblem	.25
902	Emancipation	.75	941	Tennessee	.30
903	Vermont	.18	942	Iowa	.21
929	Iwo Jima	.18	943	Smithsonian	.19
932	3c Roosevelt	.20	944	New Mexico	.19
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C-24-30c	Tr. Atlantic	.85	3.75	—
C-25-6c	Tr. Plane	.08	.30	.38
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Its designer, Mr. Garneet Megee, of Miami, Fla., formerly an employee of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington, D. C. stated that his finished design was now in the hands of the Florida Congressional delegation in Washington.

Megee's proposed design for the Everglades Park stamps shows a great white heron in the lower foreground, superimposed upon a map of peninsular Florida. The ocean and the Gulf of Mexico surrounding the state on three sides are given a stylized treatment with water symbols which create a novel pattern.

The White House has promised that President Truman would come to Miami for the dedication exercises. At this time it is not possible to state the exact First Day of Sale honor city, if the stamp is issued.

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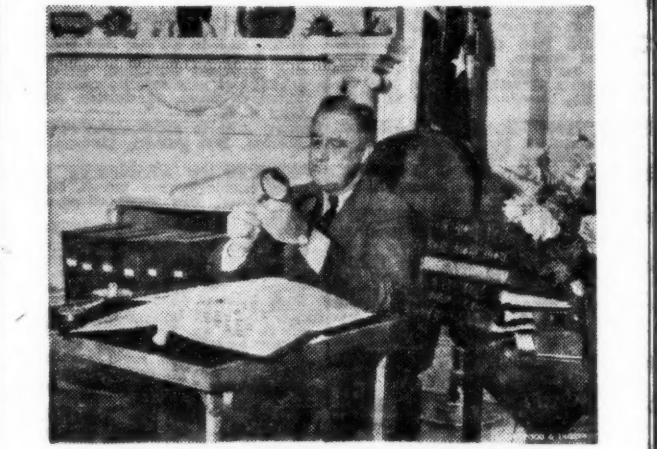
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7	1kr green	4.00	1.10
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### 1872 (40%)

12	10gr gray	1.50	10.00
12	Pen. Cancel		.65
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### 1872 (40%)

Eagle with large shield

14	1/4gr Violet	1.45	1.50
15	1/3gr Yellow green	.45	.25
15a	1/3gr green	1.45	.60
16	1/2gr Orange	.95	.10
17	1gr rose	.50	.02
18	2gr ultra	.50	.10
19	2 1/2gr orange brown	30.00	1.00
20	5gr bistre	.65	.50
21	1kr yellow green	.70	.50
21a	1kr blue green	1.75	.55
22	2kr orange	10.00	18.00
23	3kr rose	.50	.12
24	7kr ultra	.80	.70
25	9kr red brown	4.75	3.50
26	18kr bistre	1.65	10.00

### 1874 (40%)

Large numeral in center

27	2 1/2gr brown	.80	.50
27a	2 1/2gr yellow brown	.60	.45
28	9kr brown	1.65	3.00
28a	9kr yellow brown	1.65	3.00

### 1875-1877 (40%)

Pfennige with final "E"

29	3pf green	2.00	.03
30	5pf violet	2.50	.02
31	10pf rose	1.55	.01
32	20pf ultra	4.25	.02
33	25pf red brown	12.00	.18
34	50pf gray	15.00	.10
35	50pf slate green	16.50	.20

### 1875 (25%)

2m dull violet

36	2m dull violet	10.00	4.00
36a	2m purple	6.00	1.00
36a	Pen. Cancel		.40

### 1880 (33 1/3%)

"Pfennig" without final "E"

37	3pf green	.10	.01
38	5pf green	.12	.01
39	10pf rose	.20	.01
40	20pf ultra	.20	.01
41	25pf orange brown	.30	.08
42	50pf olive green	2.75	.16
42a	50pf gray green	2.50	.03
44	2m rose lilac	3.00	.55

### 1889-1900 (25%)

45	2pf gray	.10	.07
46	3pf brown	.11	.01
46a	3pf light brown	.16	.03
46b	3pf yellow brown	.17	.03
47	5pf green	.07	.01
47a	5pf yellow green	.08	.02
48	10pf carmine	.06	.01
49	20pf ultra	.20	.01
49a	20pf dull blue	.30	.04
50	25pf orange	.40	.03
51	50pf chocolate	.40	.02
51a	50pf red brown	10.75	.30

### 1900 (20%)

"Germania" Type "REICHSPOST"

52	2pf gray	.06	.04
53	3pf brown	.08	.02
54	5pf green	.08	.01
55	10pf carmine	.08	.01
56	20pf ultra	.35	.02
57	25pf orange & black	.55	.06
58	30pf orange & black	.80	.03
59	40pf lake & black	.75	.06
60	50pf purple & black	1.75	.03
61	80pf lake & black	1.85	.10
61	1m carmine rose	1.75	.15
62	3m black violet	5.25	.45
63	3m black violet	5.85	2.75
64	5m slate & car. Type I.	22.50	12.50
65	5m slate & car. Type II.	22.50	12.75

### 1902 (20%)

Germania "DEUTSCHES REICH" UNWWD

65c	2pf gray	.08	.02
66	3pf brown	.06	.01
67	5pf green	.22	.01
67a	5pf yellow green	.20	.02
68	10pf carmine	.15	.01
69	20pf ultra	.30	.01
70	25pf orange & black	.50	.06
71	30pf orange & black	.75	.02
72	40pf lake & black	1.25	.02
73	50pf purple & black	1.00	.02
74	80pf lake & black	2.35	.03
75	1m carmine rose	3.20	.04
76	2m gray blue	7.75	3.50
77	3m black violet	7.95	.35
78	5m slate & black	10.50	.80

### 1906-19 (15%)

Re-engraved

Germania Type WMKD LOZENGES

80	2pf gray	.20	.07
81	3pf brown	.02	.01
82	5pf green	.02	.01
83	10pf carmine	.04	.01
84	20pf ultra	.15	.01
84a	20pf blue	.50	.05
84b	20pf blue violet	.05	.02
85	25pf orange & black	.08	.02
86	30pf orange & black	.03	.02
87	40pf lake & black	.10	.02
88	50pf purple & black	.06	.02
89	60pf magenta	.22	.02
89a	60pf red violet	.30	.03
90	75pf green & black	.02	.01
91	80pf lake & black	.15	.02
92	1m carmine	.25	.02
93	2m gray blue	.40	.03
94	3m black violet	.15	.03
95	5m slate & black	.12	.07

### 1916-19

Without lined background behind head

96	2pf gray	.02	.03
97	2 1/2pf light gray	.02	.02
98	7 1/2pf orange	.01	.01
99	15pf yellow brown	.25	.01
100	15pf dark violet	.03	.01
101	35pf red brown	.02	.02

### 1919-20

German Republic National Assembly Issue

105	10pf rose	.05	.01
106	15pf chocolate & blue	.05	.02
107	25pf green & red	.06	.04
108	30pf violet & red	.05	.02
105-8	Set complete (4)	.20	.07

### OFFSET PRINTING

111 1m red

111	1m red	.15	.05
112	1.25m green	.15	.02
113	1.50m yellow brown	.06	.01
114	2.50m magenta	.04	.01

### 1920 (25%)

Surcharge

115	1.25 on 1m	.08	.12
116	1.50 on 1m	.08	.12
117	2.50 on 2m	1.50	2.65
117a	rose	1.50	2.65
117b	brown violet	1.50	2.65
115-17	Set Complete	1.65	2.75

### GERMANIA TYPE (10%)

118	5pf red brown	.04	.01
118a	5pf brown	.01	.02
119	10pf orange	.02	.02
119a	10pf red orange	.02	.02
120	15pf violet brown	.02	.02
121	20pf green	.02	.01
122	30pf dull blue	.01	.01
124	40pf rose	.01	.01
125	50pf red lilac	.04	.03
126	60pf olive green	.01	.01
127	75pf red violet	.01	.02
128	80pf blue violet	.01	.02
129	1m violet & green	.02	.01
130	1 1/4m vermilion & magenta	.02	.02
131	2m carmine & blue	.08	.02
132	4m black & rose	.03	.02
118-132	Set complete (14)	.35	.25

### 1921-22

Surcharge

133A	1.60 on 5pf	.03	.05
134	3m on 1 1/4m	.03	.05
135	5m on 75pf	.06	.06
136	10m on 75pf	.07	.08
136A-36	Set Complete (4)	.16	.20

### Numeral & Worker Types, WMKD, LOZENGES.

137	5pf claret	.01	.01
138	10pf olive green	.01	.02
139	15pf green blue	.01	.02
140	25pf brown	.01	.02
141	30pf blue green	.01	.02
142	40pf red orange	.01	.02
143	50pf violet	.05	.06
144	60pf red violet	.01	.02
145	80pf carmine rose	.01	.02
146	100pf green	.06	.05
147	120pf ultra	.01	.02
148	150pf orange	.03	.03
149	160pf slate green	.01	.02
150	2m violet & rose	.12	.10
151	3m red & yellow	.10	.11
152	4m green	.01	.02
153	5m brown orange	.08	.06
154	10m carmine rose	.08	.10
155	20m indigo & green	.08	.10
156	100m violet	.20	.05
157	200m rose	.02	.02
158	300m rose	.01	.02
159	400m brown	.02	.03
160	500m orange	.01	.02

### WMKD. NETWORK

161	5pf claret	.07	.10
162	10pf olive green	.70	.90
163	15pf green blue	.04	.07
164	25pf brown	.01	.02
165	30pf blue green	.18	.30
166	40pf red orange	.01	.01
167	50pf violet	.01	.01
168	60pf red violet	.02	.02
169	75pf red violet	.02	.03
170	75pf ultra	.01	.01
171	80pf rose	.08	.12
172	100pf green	.01	.01
173	120pf ultra	.10	.12
174	1 1/4m Vermilion & Magenta	.02	.03
175	150pf orange	.01	.01
176	160pf slate green	.15	.20
177	2m violet & rose	.01	.01
178	2m violet	.01	.01
179	3m red & yellow	.01	.01
180	3m red	.01	.01
181	4m deep green & green	.02	.02
182	4m dark green	.01	.01
183	5m dark orange	.02	.02
184	5m orange & yellow	.01	.01
185	5m orange	.01	.01
186	6m blue	.01	.01
187	8m green	.01	.02
188	10m rose	.05	.05
189	10m rose & pink	.02	.02
190	10m carmine	.02	.02
191	20m indigo & green	.02	.02

### POST HORN TYPE

192	20m violet & orange	.02	.02
193	20m violet	.01	.01
194	30m brown & yellow	.01	.02
195	30m brown	.02	.02
196	40m green	.02	.02
197	50m green	.01	.02

### NUMERAL TYPE

198	50m Indigo	.02	.03
199	100m violet	.02	.02
200	200m rose	.01	.01
201	300m green	.01	.01
202	400m brown	.01	.01
203	500m orange	.01	.01
204	1000m gray	.01	.01
205	2000m blue	.01	.01
206	3000m dark blue	.08	.04
207	4000m violet	.01	.01
208	5000m green	.01	.02
208a	Dark gray green	.08	.08
209	100,000m Vermillion	.01	.02

### 1916-19

Mint Used

210	1 1/4m vermilion & magenta	.32	.60
211	50m green & violet		

### 1919-20

Mint Used

212	1 1/4m claret	.01	.02
213	2m violet	.01	.01
214	3m vermilion	.03	.03
215	4m blue	.01	.02
216	10m brown	.10	.10
217	20m rose	.25	.20
212-17	Set Complete (6)	.35	.35

### 1923

221-34 5m to 1000m

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